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Thank You MJCC Instructors!

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Fifteen Volunteer Instructors from all over the state joined agency staff from August 6th – August 11th at the Moses Scout Reservation in Russell, MA to teach campers attending the Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp. Both Basic Hunter and the Bow Hunter Education courses were offered. The Basic Hunter Education course was conducted the entire week from Monday August 6th through Friday August 10th.

The campers were divided into small groups and were assigned to different classrooms throughout the week. Up to three classrooms, each with three to four instructors, were used on different days to accommodate the camp schedule. Each location offered the entire course simultaneously and students were provided the required curriculum as in any other Basic HE course includ-

ing lecture, demonstrations, small group work and hands-on exercises. A total of 85 students were able to successfully complete the course and earn their certificates.

On Saturday, August 11th, a Bow Hunter Education course was offered as an optional class for campers. The course was led by Team Leader Todd Olanyk and supported by five additional instructors. A total of 30 students were able to suc-

cessfully complete the Bow course and earn their certificates.



Volunteer Instructor, Steve La Rivee, teaching field carries at MJCC

We thank the following Volunteer Instructors for their vital support:

Larry Bandolin, Rod Corriea, Ray Gajewski, George Haas, Gary Kaser, John Lakin, Steve La Rivee, Rick LeClair, Brian Malone, Steve Morawski, Jeff Shank, Kim Sullivan, Joey Vigeant, Tom Wanselben, and Kevin Yetman.

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Deer Hunting Information & Reminders

Archery season extension; Antlerless Deer Permits; Wachusett hunting access expanded and more!



Archery Deer Season Extension

A regulatory amendment has been approved to extend the archery deer hunting season by two weeks in eastern Massachusetts. In zones 10-14, the archery deer season will now open the eighth Monday prior to Thanksgiving. In zones 1-9, the archery deer season will remain the same, opening six weeks before Thanksgiving. The change will take effect beginning with this fall's hunting seasons. The extension will increase hunting opportunities in a region where deer numbers are above the statewide management range of 6-18 deer per square mile. [Learn more about the archery deer season extension. www.mass.gov/service-details/deer-hunting-regulations](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/deer-hunting-regulations)

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Youth Deer Hunt Day

The 2018 Youth Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, September 29. Youth Deer Hunt permits are available online, beginning August 1. With this permit, youth may take either an antlered or antlerless deer in any zone on the Youth Deer Hunt Day. [Learn more about the Youth Deer Hunt Day. www.mass.gov/service-details/youth-deer-hunt-day](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/youth-deer-hunt-day)

Surplus Antlerless Deer Permits

Surplus permits will go on sale in late September for Zones 9, 10, 11, 13, and 14. Surplus permits are sold for \$5 each on a first come, first served basis. You may purchase only one Zone 11, one Zone 10 permit per day, and one Zone 9 permit per day; up to four permits per day may be purchased for Zones 13 and 14. [Find number of surplus permits available by zone and instructions. www.mass.gov/how-to/buy-a-surplus-antlerless-deer-permit](http://www.mass.gov/how-to/buy-a-surplus-antlerless-deer-permit)

- **Zone 11:** Tuesday, September 25 at 8 a.m.
- **Zone 10:** Wednesday, September 26th at 8 a.m.
- **Zones 9, 13, & 14:** Thursday, September 27 at 8 a.m.

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Wachusett Hunting Access Expanded

DCR recently opened 7,500 acres of land to hunting in the Wachusett Reservoir Watershed. [Learn more about hunting on the Wachusett Reservoir watershed. www.mass.gov/service-details/wachusett-reservoir-watershed-deer-hunt](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/wachusett-reservoir-watershed-deer-hunt)

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Antlerless Deer Permit Instant Award Period August 1- December 31

Hunters who applied for an Antlerless Deer Permit by the July 16 deadline must return to the MassFishHunt licensing system to try to win a permit. The Instant Award Period began August 1 and continues through December 31. This is NOT a first-come first-served system. The odds of winning an Antlerless Deer Permit during the Instant Award Period are the same whether a customer tries to win in August, September, or any time before December 31. [See instructions, allocations, and chances of winning. www.mass.gov/how-to/check-antlerless-deer-permit-award-status](http://www.mass.gov/how-to/check-antlerless-deer-permit-award-status)

Mark Tisa appointed MassWildlife Director



On July 17, 2018, the Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife Board unanimously voted to appoint Mark S. Tisa, Ph.D., M.B.A., to the position of Director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife).

"The Fisheries and Wildlife Board has appointed Mark Tisa as the new Director of MassWildlife because of Mark's lifelong commitment to wildlife and fisheries conservation and his excellent record of service to the agency and the Commonwealth," Fisheries and Wildlife Board Chair Joseph Larson said after the meeting. "The Board looks forward to working closely with Mark to achieve his goals for the agency in the coming years."

Mark Tisa began his career in 1987 with MassWildlife as the Project Leader of the Anadromous Fish Restoration Program. He was promoted to Assistant Director of Fisheries in 1990, and then to Deputy Director in 2015. Director

Tisa led a number of major initiatives over the years for the agency, including the Youth Pheasant and Young Adult Turkey hunt programs and the construction of the MassWildlife Field Headquarters' 45,000-square-foot zero-net-energy building in Westborough. Upon the retirement of former Director Jack Buckley, he was appointed Acting Director, effective May 1, 2018.

"I am extremely pleased with the Fisheries and Wildlife Board's appointment of Mark Tisa as Director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife," said Ron Amidon, Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game. "I have known and worked with Mark for many years. Both Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Matt Beaton and I look forward to working closely with him as a team of conservation-minded sportsmen committed to the conservation, restoration, and management of all Massachusetts' incredible natural resources."

"I'm honored, humbled, and thrilled to be appointed to lead MassWildlife, where I have worked for 31 years," said Director Tisa. "We at MassWildlife care about all the Commonwealth's wildlife and plants, including state-listed species, and I look forward to continuing to work with hunters, anglers, trappers, conservationists, and all Massachusetts citizens to carry forward MassWildlife's tradition of conserving and helping everyone to enjoy all our treasured wildlife resources."

2018 Massachusetts Outdoor Exposition Sunday, September 23rd, 2018!

Experience the Massachusetts Outdoor Expo "The Big MOE" at the Hamilton Rod and Gun Club grounds in Sturbridge, MA on Sunday, September 23, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain or shine. For the past 20 years, this FREE, family-oriented event has celebrated outdoor skills, nature, art, and wildlife. With over 45 activity stations, there's something for everyone at The Big MOE! Stations include: target shooting, archery, fishing, mountain biking, and more. All stations are supervised and provide a unique, hands-on experience for people of all ages. For a complete listing of activity stations and more details, please visit www.FawnsExpo.com.

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Calendar Of Events—September 2018

September 8: Harold Parker State Forest Family Fishing Festival, Andover – This is a free, non-competitive, family friendly, learn to fish event. Bring your fishing equipment, or borrow ours; limited equipment and bait will be provided. This event is in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) at Sudden Pond at the Harold Parker State Forest in Andover 10 a.m.–2 p.m. *Open to the public. For more information, contact Jim Lagacy at jim.lagacy@state.ma.us or (508) 389-6309.

September 13: Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Advisory Committee Meeting, Westborough – The meeting will take place at the MassWildlife Field Headquarters (1 Rabbit Hill Road in Westborough) from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Southwest Meeting Room, Room #103. Please note: If you have a disability or medical condition and would like to request special accommodations, please contact Susan Sacco at (508) 389-6342.

September 18: Family Fishing Clinic, Wakefield – This is a family friendly, learn to fish clinic, 3:30–5:30 p.m., at Lake Quannapowit (Playground area off of Lake Ave.). This event is in cooperation with the Reading Recreation Department. *Open to the public; **must pre-register**. Visit <https://readingma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>

September 19: Family Fishing Clinic, Shrewsbury – This is a family friendly, learn to fish clinic, 5–7 p.m., at Dean Park Pond in Shrewsbury (805 Main St.). This event is in cooperation with the Shrewsbury Recreation Department. *Open to the public; **must pre-register**. Contact the Shrewsbury Recreation Office at (508) 841-8503 or visit www.shrewsburyma.gov/parkrec.

September 25: Fisheries and Wildlife Board Meeting, Belchertown – The September meeting of the Fisheries and Wildlife Board will be held on Tuesday, September

25 at 11 a.m. at the Connecticut Valley Wildlife District Office (341 East Street, Belchertown, MA). If you have a disability or medical condition and would like to request special accommodations, please contact Susan Sacco at (508) 389-6342. Anyone wishing to be placed on the agenda to speak must notify the Board 2 weeks prior to the Board meeting; for more detailed information, contact Susan Sacco at (508) 389-6342.

September 26: Family Fishing Clinic, Lexington – This is a family friendly, learn to fish clinic, 4–6 p.m., at Old Reservoir in Lexington (Parking area off of Rt. 2A). This event is in cooperation with the Lexington Recreation Department. *Open to the public; **must pre-register**; Contact the Lexington Rec Depart at www.lexingtonma.gov/recreation-community-programs or (781) 698-4800.

September 29: Fearing Pond Family Fishing Festival, Plymouth – This is a free, family friendly, learn to fish event at Fearing Pond in the Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Bring your fishing equipment, or borrow ours; limited equipment and bait will be provided. This event is in cooperation with the Friends of Myles Standish State Forest and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) *Open to the public. Please contact Bill Vickstrom at wrvick@comcast.net for more information.



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